

BUCKNER RAISES, THEN QUELLS, LEGAL TEMPEST

Rumor That Aldermen Would
Call Becker Witnesses Rouses
Counsel on Both Sides.

WON'T HAPPEN, HOWEVER

Waldo May Be Asked to Explain
Activities of Three "Strong
Arm" Squads and His Re-
sponsibility for Them.

The report yesterday that the aldermanic committee investigating the graft situation intended to inquire into the powers and activities of the three "strong arm" squads maintained at Police Headquarters to deal with gambling, at an early session of the committee, brought down a storm of protest from John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for Lieutenant Charles Becker, who was at the head of one of the squads before he was indicted on a charge of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Acting District Attorney Moss also protested against the possibility of the inquiry leading into channels which might tend to embarrass the case of the prosecution against Becker.

Mr. McIntyre declared that an inquiry into the "strong arm" squad would necessarily relate to Becker, and "I take it," he said, "that an effort will be made to show official corruption."

If the inquiry took such a turn, Mr. McIntyre declared it would be unfair and most prejudicial to his client's interests and might generate such a feeling in the community as would tend, perhaps, to deprive Becker of a fair and unbiased hearing before a jury of his peers.

Becker's counsel asserted that he might be called upon in such a situation to make an effort to enjoin the aldermanic investigation until after the Becker trial.

McIntyre Searches Authorities.

Mr. McIntyre was looking up the authorities last night to find out what form of procedure he could avail himself of to prohibit the continuance of the aldermanic investigation in the case of Becker. He thought that some kind of a writ of "prohibition" would be available in the Supreme Court.

Becker is to be tried in two places at the same time. He is to be tried before a jury in this country," he said.

Assistant District Attorney Moss assumed, from the reports he heard, that Emory R. Buckner, chief counsel for the aldermanic committee, intended to call certain witnesses in the Becker case to testify in regard to certain phases of the gambling situation as handled by the police.

That would not be permitted by the District Attorney, Mr. Moss said, and if such an effort was persisted in by the committee he might have to resort to contempt of court proceedings before Justice Goff, who is sitting in the extraordinary terms of the Supreme Court, where Becker is to be tried.

Mr. Buckner set at rest the anxiety of the Acting District Attorney last night when he heard of the threatened complications by announcing that he did not intend to call any of the Becker witnesses.

"I have not the slightest idea of calling any of the Becker witnesses," he said.

"The committee does not intend to do anything that will embarrass the District Attorney in his work in the Becker case."

Rumor True in Part.

Mr. Buckner added, however, that the present plan of the committee was to go ahead with the investigation into the administrative policy of the Police Department in handling the various forms of vice, including gambling, excise and disorderly houses. He was not sure that subject would be taken up first at Saturday's hearing, he said. Police Commissioner Waldo will be recalled as a witness before the committee on Saturday, and he will be questioned closely in regard to his policy in handling vice, it is understood. Other witnesses may be called later and examined along the same lines.

Naturally the inquiry into the gambling situation in relation to the police policy in dealing with that particular form of vice will lead to an investigation of the organization, activities and powers of the "strong arm" squads. It is probable Becker's name together with that of Lieutenant Dominick Riley and others, who have been at the head of these squads will figure in that branch of the inquiry. It would not surprise any one who has followed the hearings before the aldermanic committee if Commissioner Waldo would be examined at some length in regard to his "responsibility" for Becker as the head of one of the "strong arm" squads.

It may be recalled that Mr. Buckner, counsel for the committee, has not mentioned Becker by name during the investigation to date. The only time that Becker's name was mentioned was when Mayor Gaynor was a witness.

The Mayor showed no compunction in referring to the indicted Lieutenant by name, and declared he was convinced that Becker had been the moving spirit among the grafters in the Police Department. Mayor Gaynor anonymously told at the time of sending an anonymous letter complaining about Becker to Commissioner Waldo a year ago. The Commissioner may be asked in regard to that letter whether he had any reason to distrust his "strong arm" man since that time.

SETON HALL TO PAY TAXES.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 25.—Seton Hall College, which for more than fifty years has been exempt from taxation, will have to pay taxes to the state as levied by the South Orange Tax Board, according to a decision handed down to-day by the State Board of Equalization of Taxes, which holds that the college charter does not constitute an irrevocable contract exempting that institution from taxation. The assessment levied by South Orange for last year is sustained.

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HART SEEKS NEW DELAY

Says He Can Prove Schepps
Wasn't in the Catskills.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 25.—Two new witnesses will swear they saw Sam Schepps in Arkansas about the same time James L. Graham, an attorney, of this city, says Schepps came to him for legal advice, according to a statement issued to-night by John W. Hart, counsel for Becker.

Graham said Schepps called on him the Sunday after Rosenthal was killed. Schepps declared he was in the Catskills. Hart asserted to-night he would prove Schepps was not near the Catskills; that no New York detective pulled the covers from his cot, but that he was here in Arkansas, as Graham says, keeping under cover until immunity could be arranged for him, and that as soon as he got word that everything was O. K., he came from under cover and for ten days walked the streets of Hot Springs, "begging the local policeman to arrest him."

Hart asserted in all seriousness this evening that he would be able before he left Hot Springs to know every move that Schepps made here. He said he believed Graham's story and would substantiate it before he returned to New York.

It would cause no surprise, in view of Hart's statement, if, on his return to New York, he would ask for another commission to come to Hot Springs to take the new testimony he has discovered.

He told Whitman he intended to do this if Whitman would not let him introduce the witnesses he found during his short stay before the commission convened, and Whitman took a chance, not desiring another delay.

HELD FOR EXTORTION

Policeman Accused by Former
Clergyman Faces Trial.

Accused by a former clergyman of extorting \$300 from him, Patrolman John A. Williamson, attached to the West 58th street station, was held without bail to await the action of the grand jury by Magistrate Corrigan in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday afternoon.

Williamson, who has been only four months on the force, is twenty-four years old and lives at No. 883 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn. Joseph H. Young, sixty-six years old, formerly an Episcopalian clergyman, in Danville, N. Y., who is secretary of the Free Cold Water Company, with offices at No. 77 Wall street, charged the patrolman with forcing him to pay \$300 on August 28, and \$200 on September 4 by threatening him with arrest on a serious charge if he refused.

Young paid the money, but said that Williamson demanded \$100 more. Thinking there would be no end to his demands the preacher visited the West 58th street station and told his story.

In court yesterday Young's savings bank book, showing that he had drawn the money on the dates he gave, was introduced as evidence. Arthur J. Cribbens, a teller in the Seaman's Savings Bank, also testified he had seen Williamson enter the bank with Young on the dates mentioned. George W. Martin, of No. 215 Montague street, Brooklyn, counsel for Williamson, introduced evidence showing that Young had been arrested and arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court in 1885 on a serious charge and was put under bonds to keep the peace for six months.

ROSE OUT AND IN AGAIN

Only Laughs When Asked if
She Had Been Kidnapped.

Rose Fox, fifteen years old, who for the third time within a year disappeared yesterday from her home at No. 555 Hopkinson avenue, Brooklyn, and who her parents feared had been abducted and probably slain by a gang, known as the "Rockaway Feather Dusters," in revenge for having caused one of their number to be sent to the penitentiary, was seen late last night on the street by Detective Donnellon, who gave chase and caught her in a hallway.

At the Brownsville station the girl was asked if she had been kidnapped, but she only laughed. The police decided to hold her at the station house until the arrival of her parents. When seen she was with another girl, who made her escape. Miss Fox said that she had been staying with her girl companion.

Bennis Grossman, a member of the "Dusters," was convicted not long ago on charges made by the girl and since that time a close watch has been kept on her, as she had been warned that if Grossman was "sent away" she would be killed. Yesterday was the first time that the girl was permitted to go out alone and she immediately disappeared.

NOW THE HOUSEBOAT PERIL

Board of Health to Regulate
Mooring and Sanitation.

The Board of Health will hereafter oversee all houseboats in these waters. Health Commissioner Lederle, in explaining the reasons for the adoption by the board of a resolution to that effect, said yesterday that there had been many complaints about houseboats this summer.

"In Sheephead Bay," said the Commissioner, "more than a score of such craft were anchored in front of the places of individuals who protested against such procedure."

The Commissioner said that there was danger of typhoid fever in some cases. He declared that houseboats from other places were anchored in the bays and inlets about this city in increasing numbers, and the time had come when such craft had to be supervised.

By the new provision of the Sanitary Code, known as Section 187A, no houseboat, while used or occupied, shall be anchored in the waters or any inlet or bay, except the upper or lower bay of New York Harbor, without a permit in writing from the board.

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BLAMES MR. WHITMAN

Patrolman Says Prosecutor
Called Him Off Post.

SEEKING MURDER WITNESS

Bluecoat Declares District At-
torney Told Him Not to Re-
port Incident.

Patrolman Lehane, of the West 17th street station, on trial before Deputy Commissioner Dillon, at Headquarters, yesterday told a story involving District Attorney Whitman. Lehane was charged with leaving his post, at Eighth avenue and 20th street, on the night of September 5. He testified that the District Attorney, in a highly excited state, rushed up to him and ordered him to follow him to a house at No. 320 West 30th street where he expected to corner a murder witness in the Rosenthal case. Lehane declared that the District Attorney said \$5,000 had been offered the witness to get out of town.

"How did you know that the man was the District Attorney?" asked Deputy Dillon.

"I saw him in the Court of General Sessions a few weeks before that," replied Lehane.

"I followed him to the house," continued Lehane. "He said to me: 'I'm going upstairs. Now, don't let anybody enter or leave this place while I'm inside.' He was in there some time, and then he came out with a man whom he addressed as Mr. Reid."

"I said that I'd better make a report to my station," continued Lehane. "But he got excited and said that I needn't do anything of the sort, that he had the right to take me off my post. Then he ordered me to get a taxicab and I did so. When I got back with the taxi Mr. Reid was gone. The District Attorney said he was going back inside the house and told me if he didn't return in three minutes for me to force my way in and get him. He came out again in a fifty and told me to get in and ride with him. I again observed that I ought to make a report, but he said I need not do it."

"We drove rapidly up to the Garden Family Hotel, or that's what it appeared to be," said Lehane. "It was at No. 128 West 43d street, and I went inside with the District Attorney. He talked with several persons, including the janitress and a fellow who looked like a bellboy. 'Keep your eye on this fellow,' he said to me. 'You may have to arrest him.' He talked with more persons and seemed to be very much excited. When we left the house he said: 'My witness got away. He left the city to-day.'"

Under cross-examination by Commissioner Dillon, Lehane called in other witnesses to corroborate him. They were Patrolmen Dennis Ferry and Michael Garagan, of the West 17th street station. They said they passed Lehane at Eighth avenue and 20th street while Lehane was talking with Mr. Whitman.

Captain Wakefield of the precinct said he had investigated the charge against Lehane and reported to Commissioner Waldo. He also said that the man Reid, mentioned by Lehane, had not to his knowledge been arrested, for he saw Reid three days later on the street, and Reid told him that he (Reid) had given a valuable tip to the District Attorney.

In reserving decision Commissioner Dillon said:

"I seriously doubt the power of the District Attorney to order a patrolman of his post under any circumstances. There was no arrest made in the case, and I think you should have reported the circumstance to your precinct."

NEW CARS TOO LOFTY

Double-Deckers Won't Go Under
"L" Structure.

The double-decker trolley cars which started Broadway will have to be sent back to the shop to be made a little less imposing if they are to be put in general use throughout the city. The designers of the new style car in their eagerness for capacity must have overlooked some of the requirements of surface traffic in New York, for the cars cannot pass under the elevated structure at several points.

At present the cars run only from the Battery to 58th street, and in that run there is no obstacle to prevent their passage. They could not, however, pass under the elevated structure at some of its lower points which would have to be negotiated if the service was extended.

At the offices of the New York Railway Company it was said yesterday that the first cars were merely experimental and that no decision had been reached yet whether they should be adopted for general use. It is certain that if another lot is ordered the designers will take care to go over the line and take a few measurements.

Except for the matter of height, the new cars have presented no radical defect. It is evident, however, that they have not achieved the same ready popularity as the new style steeple cars with which the company has been experimenting recently, for already orders have been placed for 150 cars of that type.

THOUGH OLD, THEY WED

One Bridegroom Is 86 and His
Wife 10 Years Younger.

Montgomery, Mo., Sept. 25.—Edward Lockhart, who was thirty-five years old when he enlisted in the Union army in 1861, was married to-day to Mrs. Sarah Russell, who then was twenty-five. The bridegroom is now eighty-six and his bride sixty-six. Fearing the jeers of their friends, they stole away and were married in a nearby town.

Minneapolis, Sept. 25.—C. G. Johnson, sixty-one years old, of Germantown, Penn., and Miss Helen Johnson, of Philadelphia, fifty-five, were married to-day after an elopement from the Quaker city.

INFANT'S BODY IN WOODS

The police of Harrison-on-the-Bound are trying to solve the mystery surrounding the discovery of a portion of the body of an infant which was found in the woods near Purchase, a short distance from White Plains. This is the second dead body that has been found in this vicinity within the last few months. Early in the spring the body of an Italian, with four stab wounds in the back, was found, and though the police used every means to unravel the mystery, it is as yet unsolved.

Edward Dean and Edward Ackerman, of White Plains, were out hunting yesterday, when their dogs uncovered the head and arms of an infant. The body appeared to have been dismembered with a knife. The bones had been covered with earth. There was no sign of any footprints nearby.

HURRICANE SWEEPS JAPAN.

Much Loss of Life and Damage
to Property and Shipping.

Tokio, Sept. 25.—A hurricane swept over Japan on the night of September 22. There was much loss of life and heavy damage to property and shipping. All communications are badly interrupted. A torpedo boat and the destroyers Tachibana and Fubuki were sunk in the Bay.

Tokio has been almost completely isolated since September 22, owing to the widespread devastation by the typhoon, which carried down all the telegraph lines. At Yokohama the French armored cruiser Duplex dragged her anchors and went ashore. She was pulled off, however, the following day.

At Shimomoseki, Island of Honshu, a Russian mailboat foundered. The casualties are unknown. The losses to shipping have been very serious. The Japanese battleship Satsuma and the tender Manshu were dismantled. Four destroyers and five torpedo boats were driven ashore.

CHARGES \$5,000,000 LOSS

Stockholder Asks Reimburse-
ment in Elevated Deal.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—A charge that a \$5,000,000 loss of the Northwestern Elevated Railroad of Chicago was illegally disposed of for \$3,000,000 to the governing committee of the merger of the Chicago elevated railroads is made in a bill for injunction and recovery filed here to-day by David J. Evans.

In his bill, filed in the Superior Court, Evans, as a stockholder in the Northwestern Elevated road, seeks to force the defendants to explain in court the details of the stock purchase contract or syndicate agreement entered into on May 22, 1911, between the elevated road shareholders and Henry A. Blair, under which Blair, as trustee, obtained a majority of the shares of the Northwestern company. The defendants are:

Samuel Insull, Britton L. Budd, William W. Griffin, William A. F. Henry, A. Blair, Mason B. Starring, Samuel McRoberts, John H. Gulick, Ira M. Cobe, as directors of the road, and Frank A. Vandervell, Blair and McRoberts as trustees, under the agreement creating what is known as the Chicago Elevated Railways Collateral Trust.

Vandervell, Blair, Insull, McRoberts, Cobe and E. A. Delano and E. W. Harnden, as members of the governing board of the syndicate and the National City Bank of New York, the Chicago Railway Company, the Chicago Railway Company and the Chicago City Railway Company, also are defendants.

Evans seeks to force the defendants to reimburse the Northwestern Elevated Railway Company for what he claims is the loss of \$5,000,000 in the transaction.

DOMINICAN NEWS CUT OFF

Minister Peynado Believes the
Rebels Won't Oppose Marines.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Washington received no news from the Dominican Republic to-day on account of the cutting of cables by the rebels. Preparations went forward actively for the sailing of the transport Prairie, from Philadelphia, with the 700 marines who are to compel the reopening of Dominican custom houses along the border of Hayti. Practically all of the men who will make up the expedition are now on their way from their respective ports along the Atlantic coast.

In the absence of advice from their governments, Dominican Minister Peynado and Haytian Minister Menos both were reluctant in discussing the decision of the United States to land marines on the island. Dr. Peynado, however, expressed the belief that the rebels would allow the custom houses to be reopened as soon as they heard of the coming of the American marines, and that it would not be necessary for the expedition to disembark. He said the revolution against his government was confined to the Haytian border and was carried on by small bands of about fifty men.

BOOM MOOSETTE HATS

Every State Will Get Supply—
Perfecting Plans for Ball.

It looks now as if the country would soon be dotted with maidens wearing Bull Moose bandanna hats.

Miss Mary Donnelly, at the state headquarters of the Progressive party, in East 25th street, said yesterday that one hundred of the hats would soon go out to each of the states of the Union.

Numbers of the hats are being sold in New York, and it is said that a contingent of women wearing white dresses and the bandanna hats would march in the parade on the night of the Roosevelt ratification meeting, October 26.

This afternoon Miss Donnelly and a corps of bandanna hatted girls will go out in an automobile to paste up bills announcing the Moosette ball at the Murray Hill Lyceum on the night of October 1.

Some of the patronesses of the ball are Mrs. Oscar S. Straus, Miss Ethel C. Roosevelt, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Miss Jane Adams, Miss Frances Kellor, Miss Bertha T. Rembaum, Mrs. Edward Dreier, Mrs. William Dreier, Miss Alice Carpenter, Mrs. Mary Vanamee, Mrs. William Grant Brown, the Rev. Miss A. J. Albeck and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

M'TAGGART, JOCKEY, WEDS

Surprises His Friends by Marrying
Maryland Girl Here.

Thomas McTaggart, a jockey, who rides for August Belmont at the Pimlico meeting, "beat the barrier" when he was married on Tuesday night in this city to Miss Myrtle Lucas, of No. 329 Belvidere avenue, Arlington, Md. Miss Lucas's parents expected that the marriage would take place next February, but the couple slipped off and surprised their friends.

They left Baltimore on Sunday morning for New York, accompanied by John McTaggart, a brother of the bridegroom, to visit his mother, who lives at No. 54 West 53d street. The couple will return to Baltimore to-morrow, and McTaggart will make preparations to ride in the Lucas a meeting. He has known Miss Lucas a year, becoming acquainted with her at the fall Pimlico meeting. She is seventeen years old and he is twenty-three.

BOY WAS KILLED BY TROLLEY.

Cloy of blood and some human hair found yesterday by an inspector of the Public Service Commission on a Broadway trolley car cleared the mystery of the death of Daniel Panero, the newsboy, whose mangled body was found on the Broadway track between 109th and 107th streets, on Monday. As the blood was found on the front step, directly under the closed door to the left of the motorman, it is believed that the boy was stealing a ride and slipped beneath the wheels.

MRS. MUNDY LOCKED UP

Former Wife of British Earl's
Brother Invades Police Station.

INTOXICATION THE CHARGE

Woman Who Eloped with Mag-
azine Writer Adds New Chap-
ter to Strange Story.

Inez Mundy, divorced wife of Talbot Chetwynde Mundy, a magazine writer, and formerly the wife of the Hon. Rupert Craven, was arrested last night at the West 17th street police station on the charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct. Mrs. Mundy came to the police station and requested Lieutenant Shields to send a policeman to New Jersey to force her husband to pay alimony which she said was due her. She said her address for the last week had been No. 30 West 6th street, and that her former husband had not supported her since he had lived in New Jersey some time ago.

The lieutenant, after hearing her case, advised the woman to get a lawyer. On her refusal to send a policeman after her husband Mrs. Mundy began complaining in a loud voice, and no soothing words of the lieutenant could quiet her. She finally became so violent that she was placed under arrest.

She was taken to the Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Barlow, who discharged her, with a reprimand.

Inez Mundy was married to the Hon. Rupert Craven, a brother of the Earl of Craven, in 1898, just before the Boer war broke out. She took an estate in County Cork, Ireland. Later they travelled through Europe and finally landed in British South Africa. Here they met Talbot Mundy, who was collector at Port Florence.

Mrs. Craven fell in love with him and they eloped to Mombassa, where they were married. Her first husband got a divorce from her soon after the elopement.

A dozen years ago she was for a time one of the most talked of women in England. At that time she figured in the Chandon-Pole divorce suit. Because of her unusual beauty, her reputation as a cross-country rider and her boasted cigarette smoking and brandy drinking her appearance in court excited great interest among the fashionable folk in London.

She has been in this city several years. Her beauty has faded and her financial condition is at the lowest ebb.

Mrs. Mundy came to notice in New York a few weeks ago when her husband was assaulted by a gang of "gophers" and almost killed and robbed. Then the story of her high social connections in England came out along with the tale of her domestic troubles. At that time she said she had no desire to return to her old life in England, asserting that the free air atmosphere of America, in which she could smoke cigarettes and drink brandy and soda to her heart's content, was more agreeable to her.

After her separation from her second husband she dropped from sight for several months, and then began to reappear at intervals with stories of her financial troubles. With her varying fortunes she lived sometimes in the most fashionable hotels and sometimes in the gas house district.

ARMOURS SQUEEZE "SHORTS"

Kansas City Corner Sends September
Wheat to New Figure.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25.—"Shorts" on the local Board of Trade began to-day to feel the "squeeze" of the Armour Grain Company, of Chicago, which practically has cornered September wheat in the Kansas City market. It is said that several big Chicago speculators have been caught "short" in the Kansas City market. September wheat sold to-day for as high as 90 cents in Kansas City, an eighth of a cent above the highest September wheat quotation in Chicago.

The normal conditions prices should be 3 to 7 cents lower here than in Chicago.

The Armour corner on the Kansas City Board of Trade. The total Armour holdings of September contracts were about 5,000,000 bushels. Grain men say the Armour company has made a profit of 4 to 7 cents a bushel on the million bushels or more that have already been sold to "shorts" in the pit.

FINDS AUTO BANDIT'S PISTOL

Boy Uncerths It in Machine After
Police Search in Vain.

A boy named Robert Mancuso, while playing around an automobile standing in front of Police Headquarters last night discovered a loaded revolver in a pocket of the machine.

The automobile was the one in which Stephen Dolce and two other men were riding on Monday when John Popper, a cheese merchant, was held up at Ninth avenue and 17th street and robbed of \$1,800. Since the arrest of Dolce the machine has stood in Centre Market Place unattended, and though several policemen had looked it over the pistol was not brought to light until last night. Young Mancuso turned the revolver over to Patrolman Stackman, who was on post in the neighborhood.

GIRL GONE; HE STAYS

Declares Employment Agency
Man Deceived Him.

BOTH WERE TO GET JOBS

Police to Investigate Story—
Girl Coming Back from
Pittsburgh To-day.

A sad and penitent young man wended his way through the mud of the East Side last night to the home of Miss Bessie Snell, at No. 105 Cooper street. He went to tell Miss Snell's parents that the young woman was on her way to St. Paul, and that his intention of following her had been foiled by what he called the double dealing of a local employment agency.

But Miss Snell's parents already knew the destination of their daughter. They had decided during the afternoon a telegram from her in Pittsburgh, beseeching them to send her a ticket that she might come back home. She and five other girls, it developed, had started for St. Paul with a man who promised them munificent jobs, but the man was arrested when the train arrived at Pittsburgh on the suspicion of being a "white slave."

The penitent young man was Samuel Feldman, of No. 323 Sackman street, Brooklyn. He told his story to the police last night, and as